



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

Marissa HERRERA-Granillo

Defendant .

Magistrate Case No.: '07 MJ 88 15

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960  
Importation of a Controlled  
Substance (Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

That on or about September 25, 2007, within the Southern District of California, defendant Marissa HERRERA-Granilla did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 66.52 kilograms (146.34 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.

Rafael Silva, Special Agent  
U. S. Immigration & Customs  
Enforcement

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.

PETER C. LEWIS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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3 STATEMENT OF FACTS

4 This complaint is based on the reports, documents, and notes furnished to U. S.  
5 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Rafael Silva.

6 On September 25, 2007, at approximately 0741 hours, Marissa HERRERA-  
7 Granillo entered the United States from the Republic of Mexico via the Calexico, CA West  
8 Port of Entry. HERRERA was the sole occupant driver of a 1995 Ford Windstar.

9 CBPO Ledbetter received a negative Customs declaration from HERRERA. CBPO  
10 Ledbetter asked HERRERA who owned the vehicle and HERRERA stated she did. CBPO  
11 Ledbetter requested the assistance of CBP Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) A. Jones.  
12 CBP/CEO A. Jones utilized his assigned dog to screen the vehicle. The dog alerted to the  
13 vehicle. CBP/CEO A. Jones notified CBPO Ledbetter of the alert. HERRERA and the  
14 vehicle were escorted to the vehicle secondary inspection area.

15 In the vehicle secondary inspection area, HERRERA gave a negative Customs  
16 declaration to CBPO Valenzuela. CBPO Valenzuela asked HERRERA if she was the  
17 owner of the vehicle and she stated she was. CBPO Valenzuela conducted a search of  
18 the vehicle and found packages hidden inside the cargo door and side sliding door of the  
19 vehicle. CBPO Valenzuela probed a package exposing a green leafy substance, which  
20 tested and proved positive for marijuana. A total of 55 packages with a net weight of 66.52  
21 kilograms (146.34 pounds) of marijuana were removed from the vehicle.

22 HERRERA was placed under arrest and advised of her rights per Miranda, which  
23 she acknowledged and waived, agreeing to answer questions. HERRERA stated to Special  
24 Agent Silva she knew the vehicle contained drugs. HERRERA stated she was offered  
25 \$1,600.00 to drive the drug-laden vehicle into the United States.  
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